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Subpart A—General

§ 971.100 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to implement the responsibilities and authorities of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) pursuant to Public Law 96-283, the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act (the Act), to issue to eligible United States citizens permits for the commercial recovery of deep seabed hard minerals.

§ 971.101 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the term (a) Act means the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act (Pub. L. 96-283; 94 Stat. 553; 30 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.);

- (b) Administrator means the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Administrator's designee;
- (c) Affected State means any State with a coastal zone management program approved under Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act, as amended, where coastal zone land and water uses are affected by the issuance of a commercial recovery permit under the provisions of the Act or this part;
- (d) Applicant means an applicant for a commercial recovery permit pursuant to the Act and this part; as used in subparts H, I and J of this part, "applicant" also means an applicant for an exploration license pursuant to the Act and part 970 of the title. "Applicant" also means a proposed permit transferee;
 - (e) Commercial recovery means-
- (1) Any activity engaged in at sea to recover any hard mineral resource at a